Old Town San Diego Community Planning Areas

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Residential

Market Conditions:

- Desirable community image
- High home values and income levels found in neighboring community of Mission Hills
- Aging population segment with growing need for smaller unit types
- Demand for urban in-fill developments is strong in San Diego County, with walkable communities exhibiting value premiums
- Prevalence of Old Town tourist destinations provides retail, entertainment, and a variety of dining options
- Existing walkable environment is appealing to prospective residents
- Served by San Diego Trolley (transit options for residents)

Residential (Cont'd.)

Limiting Factors:

Lack of vacant sites for new development

Overall Market Support:

- Near-Term (within 10 years): Strong
- Long-Term (beyond 10 years): Strong

Potential Development Opportunities:

- Mixed-use buildings with residential on upper floors with ground floor retail
- Stacked flat apartments/condominiums for seniors seeking smaller unit types

Office

Market Conditions:

- Existing tenant base is mainly small, local-serving professionals attracted to the Old Town environment/amenities
- Limited inventory for office uses within the CPA

Limiting Factors:

- Not an established major employment center
- Limited demand for office uses within the CPA
- Historic significance of buildings allows for only the reuse of existing properties in many cases
- Parking at standard office parking ratios may be difficult to accommodate

Office (Cont'd.)

Overall Market Support:

- Near-Term (within 10 years): Weak
- Long-Term (beyond 10 years): Moderate

Potential Development Opportunities:

- Small suites for professionals in adapted historic/older buildings
- Live-work space

Industrial

Market Conditions:

No existing industrial space in CPA

Limiting Factors:

- No existing industrial uses in the CPA
- Presence of industrial uses would detract from historic character and conflict with visitor-oriented uses

Overall Market Support:

- Near-Term (within 10 years): Weak
- Long-Term (beyond 10 years): Weak

Potential Development Opportunities:

None

Lodging

Market Conditions:

- Historic attractions draw visitors to the area
- Served mainly by limited service hotels with architectural elements that complement the historic character of Old Town

Limiting Factors:

- Leisure travelers are drawn to resort destinations outside of Old Town
- Hotel development extremely difficult to finance
- Projected future supply of 80 bed and breakfast rooms (Victorian homes in Heritage Row Park)
- Lack of vacant sites

Lodging (Cont'd.)

Overall Market Support:

- Near-Term (within 10 years): Moderate
- Long-Term (beyond 10 years): Strong

Potential Development Opportunities:

- Boutique hotels complementing the existing character of Old Town
- Adaptive re-use of existing buildings

Retail

Market Conditions:

- Existing retail consists of themed-retail, restaurants, and service-oriented businesses with entertainment as a unifying theme
- Minimal amount of vacant retail space in the CPA

Limiting Factors:

 Historic significance of buildings allows for only the reuse of existing properties in many cases

Retail (Cont'd.)

Overall Market Support:

- Near-Term (within 10 years): Strong
- Long-Term (beyond 10 years): Strong

Potential Development Opportunities:

 Mixed-use buildings with residential, lodging, or local-serving office on upper floors with ground floor retail

Potential Development Opportunity Sites

- Former Caltrans Building 60-year old 115,700-SF office building formerly used as the San Diego headquarters for Caltrans; building is situated on a 2.5-acre parcel immediately south of Old Town historic park
- Pacific Highway and Taylor Street Intersection The three corners at Pacific Highway and Taylor Street, near the I-5 and I-8 interchange, currently occupied by popular landmark diner, large underutilized parking lot, and Caltrans park and ride
- Morena Boulevard and Taylor Street Intersection The intersection is occupied by motorcycle business and motel with adjacent vacant land